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## Kuropatkin In Command

Heart of the Czar Made Glad at  
His Arrival at the  
Front.

Will Review the Mukden Troops  
and inspect Port  
Arthur.

Striking Picture of the Former  
Defenceless Condition of  
Naval Base.

St. Petersburg, March 26.—"I shall  
feel relieved when General Kuropatkin  
assumes command," remarked the Em-  
peror yesterday at the Winter Palace.  
Tonight His Majesty received tele-  
grams not only announcing the Gen-  
eral's arrival, but bringing the news  
that the work of the mobilization of the  
Manchurian army was completed.  
It is understood that tomorrow Gen-

er Kuropatkin and the garrison, it is added,  
gave an enthusiastic reception to the  
victors.  
This capture, however, is not con-  
firmed in official circles. The depar-  
ture of naval reinforcements from the  
Baltic will leave a fairly strong squad-  
ron of coast defence and other ships to  
protect the Russian European coast line.

### TO PROTECT PRESIDENT.

Washington, March 26.—The senate  
committee on judiciary today ordered a  
favorable report on a bill to protect the  
President of the United States. Several  
bills have been under consideration by  
both senate and house committees since  
the assassination of President McKin-  
ley. The bill passed by the house in  
the Fifty-seventh congress, but the  
two houses could come to no agreement.

### DANIEL SULLY.

New York, March 26.—Daniel Sully,  
the failed speculator, said today that  
acting on the advice of a friend he had  
secured personal counsel to whom the  
prosecution of a suit against Edwin  
Hawley could not be in any sense dis-  
tasteful. John R. Dos Passos is the at-  
torney selected by Sully. Edwin Haw-  
ley is president of the Iowa Central  
and the Minneapolis & St. Louis rail-  
roads and is one of the capitalists whose  
names have been mentioned recently as  
the backers of the Sully bull campaign.  
Mr. Sully gave out a formal statement  
setting forth his reasons for securing  
personal counsel.

## Feeling For The Japanese

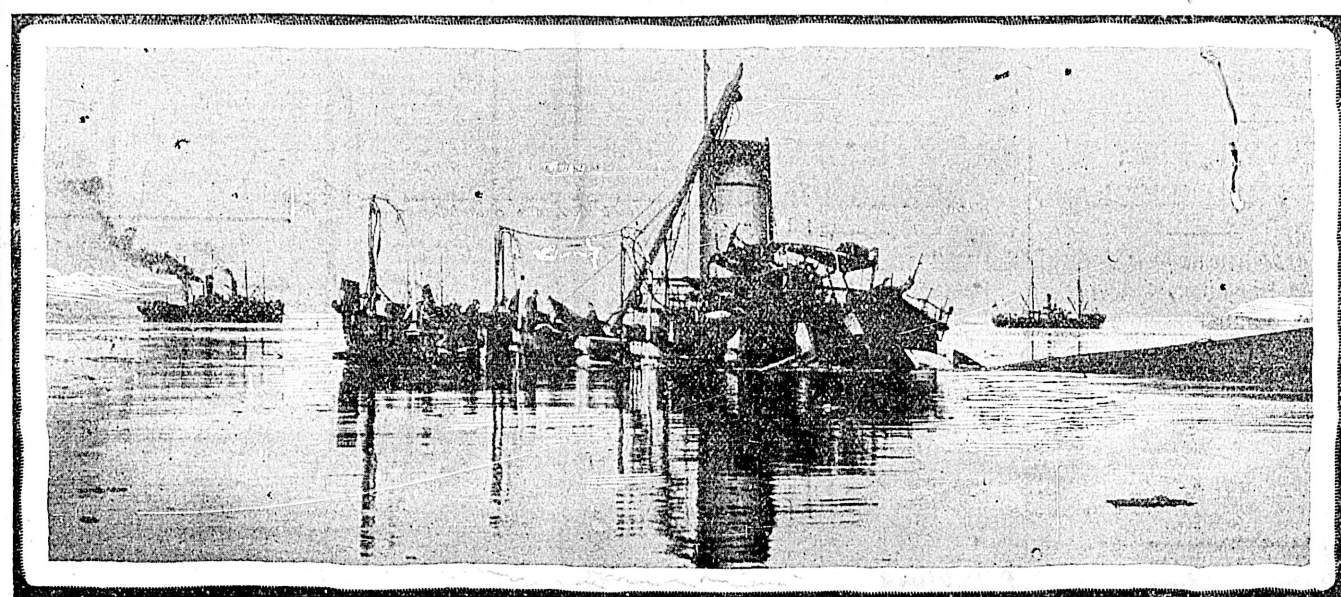
Russian Commander Reports  
An Affair of Outposts To-  
wards Ping Yang.

The Cossack Patrol Reveals the  
Presence in Force of the  
Enemy.

Admiral Makaroff Gathers His  
Ships together and Hunts  
For Togo.

St. Petersburg, March 27.—A tele-  
gram from Vice Admiral Alexieff has  
been received by the Emperor, dated Muk-  
den, March 26. It gives a report from  
General at four hundred yards. One  
officer, one soldier and a horse of the  
enemy were killed. After firing two  
volleys our patrol retired on learning  
that the enemy's infantry was ad-  
vancing. Scouts found Pak Ching to  
be occupied by the enemy. There are  
two companies and about three squares  
of cavalry of the enemy of the arm-  
y of the enemy, which, on the ap-  
proach of our snotia, was reinforced,  
being joined by infantry. Our Cossacks  
requested the support of two half com-  
panies and opened fire against the post  
and are awaiting to Ping Yang, thence  
proceeding to Unsan and Anju."

## RUSSIAN CRUISER KOREITZ SUNK IN CHEMULPO HARBOR



From the above photograph, which was taken shortly after the battle, it would appear that the ill-fated ship has been broken in two amid-  
ships, as while her smokestack and the ruins of the bridge are on an even keel, the forward portion of the vessel is lying on its side and rests at  
a marked angle to the other portions showing above water.

eral Kuropatkin will review the Muk-  
den troops and will read them a mes-  
sage expressing the imperial confidence  
that the soldiers will display the valor  
and fortitude befitting the traditions of  
the Russian army. General Kuropatkin  
will afterwards proceed to Liao Yang.  
Thence, with generals Linovitch and  
Zilinski, he will make a flying visit to  
Port Arthur and inspect the fortress.  
It is rumored here that the Russian  
forces may not withdraw to the strong  
line of defence prepared at Fong Tung  
Cheng if General Kuropatkin decides  
he can get together a sufficient number  
of men to make a stand at the Yalu  
river advisable.

Important news is drifting to the Rus-  
sian capital by mail. A letter from  
Port Dany draws a striking picture of  
its defenceless condition when the Jap-  
anese attacked Port Arthur. The corre-  
spondent says the smallest Japanese  
force could easily have captured the  
place and destroy enormous stores of  
food, half a million pounds of tea and  
six Russian merchantmen lying in the  
harbor. As the Japanese failed to do  
so the Russians at once mined the ap-  
proaches. The haste with which the  
work was performed being the cause of  
the disaster to the Yenesei, many of  
the mines being badly laid, one of  
which the protected cruiser Boyarin  
struck during a fearful storm. The  
correspondent also says the Boyarin  
was not sunk immediately. Her cap-  
tain succeeded in placing a collision mat  
in position till she was beached. The  
Boyarin has since been towed off and  
taken back to Port Arthur, where she  
has been repaired.

Port Arthur correspondent writes  
that the repairs to the battleship Re-  
viza and the protected cruiser Pallada  
have now been completed, the battle-  
ship Casaroff being the only remain-  
ing "lame duck" of the squadron.

The preservation of Admiral Mak-  
aroff's squadron intact is regarded as  
being of vital importance, as it is now  
certain that the admirals' plans con-  
template sending powerful reinforc-  
ments from the Baltic during the sum-  
mer. Six battleships, the Orel, Boro-  
dino, Kuiz Souvaroff, Slava, Alexander  
III, and Paul and Andrew, and the  
cruisers Oleg, Zhenius and Izumrud II  
will be ready to sail in July, joining the  
squadron of Admiral Wierens in the  
Mediterranean and with the torpedo  
boats reaching Port Arthur in Septem-  
ber. The arrival of such a fleet would  
give the Russians an overwhelming pre-  
ponderance in numbers. The Russians  
plans all look forward to this time,  
when, with the cooperation of the fleet,  
the Japanese communications could be  
cut off. Then General Kuropatkin will,  
according to the Russian calculations,  
be in a position to take the offensive on  
land and settle the war.

A startling statement comes from  
Vladivostok, apparently from a reliable  
source, to the effect that Capt. Beliz-  
stein's squadron returned to port towing  
a second-class Japanese cruiser. The in-

## JAPAN TO ASSIST ISOLATED REFUGEES

Seeks Release of Six Hundred  
on the Isle of  
Sakhalin.

St. Petersburg, March 26.—The Jap-  
anese government, through the United  
States embassy, has requested Russia  
to permit the Japanese consul and con-  
sular staff at Turbessi, island of Sak-  
halin, with 600 refugees, to return to  
Japan. Many of the latter are repre-  
sented to be suffering from lack of food.  
Russia has been asked to notify the  
Japanese authorities, through Richard T.  
Greener, United States commercial  
agent at Vladivostok, so that a ship  
can be sent to take the Japanese off.

The papers here are quoting editorials  
published in newspapers to prove that  
the Japanese agitation in the United  
States is not such a brilliant success as  
the New York correspondents of the  
London papers would have it appear.  
Some of the papers sharply criticize the  
advice of Sir Robert Hart, the inspec-  
tor-general of Chinese customs, to the  
Chinese government, the strengthening of  
the Chinese army, the Novoe Vremya  
declaring that Sir Robert is cunningly  
seeking to encourage China, with a  
semi-organized army, to interfere after  
the Japanese are defeated, thus giving  
Great Britain a chance to step in and  
share the spoils, while the Bourse Ga-  
zette argues that in view of Sir Robert  
Hart's advice the responsibility for com-  
plications must fall on Great Britain.

### AGAIN ANNOUNCED.

Winnipeg, March 26.—The trial of  
Wilcox of Regina for mail robbery was  
again adjourned today to the absence  
of Bremer, an important witness for the  
Crown, who is supposed to be in hiding  
across the line.

### FOUR MINERS KILLED.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 26.—Four min-  
ers were instantly killed today at the  
Durand shaft operated by the Lehigh  
Valley Coal Company. The engineer  
was hoisting the men from the pit to  
the surface. The carriage shot up the  
shaft at great speed and ran to the  
head of the sheave, where the wire car-  
ries broke and the carriage tipped,  
throwing three men to the bottom of the  
shaft. The fourth man was caught in  
the wreck and killed.

## POLICE REFORM AT NANAIMO CITY

Chief Crossan Censured For  
Laxity in Management of  
Force.

Nanaimo, B. C., March 26.—(Special.)  
—The police commissioners handed  
down their decision on the charges  
against Chief Crossan tonight. Re-  
specting the main charge, that Crossan  
had intended to let Nightwardman  
Gillman go and hush up the theft of  
a watch for which he was ultimately  
convicted and sentenced to three years,  
the commissioners brought in the Scotch  
verdict "not proven." They censured  
the chief for laxity in dealing with the  
case and found fault with his general  
management. The finding concluded  
with the declaration that, failing an  
immediate improvement in the handling  
of police affairs, the question of the re-  
construction of the department would  
be taken into serious consideration.

## EMPEROR WILLIAM AND ITALY'S KING

Exchange Greetings on Board  
Hohenzollern at  
Naples.

Naples, March 26.—King Victor Em-  
manuel, accompanied by Foreign Min-  
ister Tittoni, arrived here at noon and  
shortly afterwards boarded the German  
imperial yacht Hohenzollern. After  
lunching with Emperor William, the  
King went on board the Italian flag-  
ship Sicilia, where he was rejoined by  
the Emperor, with whom he inspected the  
Italian fleet, amid the booming of can-  
non, the cheers of the crews and a great  
display of enthusiasm on the part of  
the population. It rained in the morn-  
ing, but the weather cleared in the after-  
noon, with the result that the magnifi-  
cent bay of Naples offered a unique  
spectacle.

During luncheon on the Hohenzollern  
King Victor toasted Emperor William,  
saying: "My people and I recognize and  
love your Majesty and a faithful and  
sure friend. The bonds which for so  
many years have united our states to  
one common ally have been the strongest  
guarantee of European peace. They  
should so remain."

The King concluded with drinking the  
health of Emperor William, the Em-  
peror and the German nation.  
Emperor William replied: "The idea  
of the triple alliance is engraved in our  
souls. The alliance has become for our  
people a blessing and for Europe a  
sure bulwark of peace, under the pro-  
tection of which the peaceful develop-  
ment of the nations will continue with-  
out interruption."

While the King was driving from the  
station to the harbor a man pushed  
through the crowd and approached the  
royal carriage, trying to hand a petition  
to His Majesty. He was arrested and  
taken to a police station where the peti-  
tion was identified as an anarchist.  
The man was released after a short im-  
prisonment.

### MINED LIAO RIVER.

Washington, March 26.—The Russian  
government has notified the United  
States government that it has mined  
the mouth of the Liao river. This was  
supposed to be neutral territory, but  
the action of Russia puts it within the  
field of hostilities.

## AN ANTI-CHINESE DEMONSTRATION

Hyde Park Scene of Demonstra-  
tion Against Government's  
Policy.

London, March 26.—A Liberal-Rad-  
ical demonstration, in which about  
twenty thousand persons took part,  
against the introduction of Chinese  
labor into South Africa, was held in  
Hyde Park this afternoon. The pro-  
cession, including trades unions, labor  
societies and religious bodies, with  
bands and banners bearing anti-govern-  
ment inscriptions, paraded the west end  
of London and assembled in the park,  
where the crowds were addressed from  
platforms by Messrs. Cross, Burns,  
Clifford and others. The meeting  
passed off without any disturbances.

## Invitation To Newfoundland

With French Shore Difficulty  
Out of the way, an Opening  
for Federation.

Canada to Make Immediate  
Approaches to the Ancient  
Colony.

Topographical Surveyors Leave  
Soon to Determine the  
Alaskan Boundary.

Ottawa, March 26.—The announce-  
ment that a cordial understanding has  
been reached between the governments  
of Great Britain and France over the  
long-standing French shore difficulty  
paves the way for a resumption of ne-  
gotiations looking to the admission of  
Newfoundland into the Dominion. In  
official circles the London report is con-  
sidered that the government will make  
immediate approaches to the govern-  
ment of the ancient colony with a view  
to a federation agreement. If this can  
be brought about Newfoundland will  
have four members and ten members in  
the Commons.

The Citizen today got a judgment  
with costs against a local hotel keeper  
named Byers who sued the newspaper  
for alleged libel because it called him  
"Too Bath."  
The Canada Gazette announces the  
disallowance of chapter 14 of the British  
Columbia statutes last year relating  
to employment on works carried on under  
franchises granted by private acts.  
A party of topographical surveyors  
will leave Ottawa in about a month's  
time to ascertain the exact boundary of  
geological surveys in marking the Cana-  
dian-Alaska boundary. Commissioners  
King and Tittman will visit the Yukon  
later in the season.

## Horrible Work Of A Polygamist

London Flend Marries Eight  
Times and Murders Three  
Wives.

British Metropolis Shocked By  
a Rival of "Jack the  
Ripper"

London, March 26.—Public interest  
continues to be largely absorbed in the  
extraordinary developments following  
the suicide of a man named George  
Crossman. On the night of March 23rd,  
Crossman, who was living in the re-  
spectable suburb of Kensalitz, killed  
himself to avoid arrest by the police,  
whose suspicions had been aroused re-  
garding the contents of a trunk which  
Crossman was sending away from his  
house.

On opening the trunk the body of a  
woman was found encased in cement.  
An investigation proved that she was  
murdered about six months ago and  
that she was one of Crossman's eight  
wives. The body was found in a trunk  
and found alive, and one is dead and  
two are missing. The identity of the  
body found in the cement cannot yet  
be ascertained on account of decompo-  
sition and injury to the skull, which  
had been split by an axe or some other  
instrument. The police believe it pos-  
sible that the investigation may prove  
that Crossman adopted a similar meth-  
od in killing himself of other super-  
stitious wives, of which it is suspected  
he may have had several who have  
not yet been traced.

Though only about thirty years old,  
Crossman's career rivals that of the  
most famous criminals. Under various  
aliases he led a double, and even a  
triple, married life, posing successfully  
according to the fancy of the moment,  
as an engineer, compositor or wig-maker  
or locust hunter.

His chief means of support, however,  
appeared to have been derived from his  
wives, several of whom he secured  
through advertisements. His neighbors  
always regarded Crossman as a respect-  
able man who led a quiet and uninter-  
esting life.

Crossman's first wife died, apparently  
of natural causes, in 1897. He re-  
married in 1898 at Maudstone, and the  
same year contracted a bigamous mar-  
riage at Maidon, with the result that  
he was sentenced to five years' penal  
servitude. Good conduct in prison en-  
abled Crossman to avoid the full term.

One free, he set to work to marry by  
wholesale. His number four was quick-  
ly secured. She and her baby were  
living at Crossman's house at Kensalitz.  
At Reading Crossman secured a  
fifth wife. Chose the name of Seaton  
month later, he married again. The  
wedding ceremony and of this sixth wife  
are still uncertain. He took his seventh  
and eighth wife in the young daughter  
of a London railroad man, and she is  
supposed to be the victim he encased  
in cement.

At the time of his suicide Crossman  
thus had five wives besides several  
others. The discovery occurred through  
evidence suspicious of a younger woman  
Crossman let some rooms at Kensalitz.  
Crossman was married to one of his  
many wives, who occupied the room  
where the dead body of the other  
wife was encased in a trunk. The  
lodger traced an odor thereto and  
Crossman commenced to send the trunk  
away. When he attempted to do so  
the lodger notified the police, and when  
they attempted to arrest him, Cross-  
man cut his throat and died instantly.

The body found in the trunk, from  
which the cement has now been chip-  
ped off, is that of a young woman.  
The police theory is that Crossman,  
while she was undressing, struck her  
from behind with an axe, completely  
severing a portion of the skull, part of  
which is now missing.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.  
New Chwang, March 26.—It is un-  
derstood that negotiations are about to  
begin, through the French, for the purpose  
of arranging wireless telegraph com-  
munication with Port Arthur from a  
small rocky island off Chefoo, acquired  
by France. The purpose is to obtain  
information regarding the Japanese  
fleet and transports and to guard  
against the isolation of Port Arthur. It  
is impossible to maintain telegraph  
communication in the "no man's land"  
from New Chwang.

## THORPE'S

Pale

Dry

Ginger

Ale.



## Togo Said to Be Off Chefoo

St. Petersburg Receives Advices From Far East of Japanese Fleet.

Alexieff's Order For More Guns Was Not Promptly Attended to

St. Petersburg, March 26.—It is understood that General Pulkonov will succeed General Sukharoff as chief of staff of the military district at Turkestan.

According to information at the admiralty, a Japanese squadron is now off Chefoo.

General Kosch, commanding at Kazan, Russia, has issued a general order that the troops under his command be prepared for fighting, as they form the next reserve to be called to the Far East.

A report which has been circulated that General Alatau, chief assistant of ordnance to the Grand Duke Michael, has been banished to a small and remote military post in the Caucasus is not true, but it is true that the Czar is dissatisfied with some of the conditions existing in the ordnance department and that General Alatau has been given a commission to inspect certain fortresses. The General is now in Sebastopol, and his work to the Grand Duke Sergius Michaelovitch.

According to the best information obtainable, Viceroy Alexieff had requested a supply of quick-firing guns in January, but the request was not promptly filled, and the Viceroy is now in a position to demand two pairs of artillery, each consisting of 180 men, with horses, guns and ammunition, left St. Petersburg for the Far East.

Practically all the troops in the Far East have been received at St. Petersburg. They are the people at Vladivostok to remain, and only those who will be allowed to stay who have 422 pounds of flour and 108 pounds of buckwheat, enough to last eight months. All Chinese and Koreans who are without orders, however, are ordered to depart. Persons who start untrue and alarming reports will be court-martialed. Looting is strictly prohibited. Persons interfering with the railroad telegraph will be punished with death, and the same punishment will be meted out to Chinese bandits who are caught stealing.

A special communication from the Russian office under the presidency of Professor De Martens, professor of international law at the University of St. Petersburg, is drawing up regulations for the treatment of prisoners of war. The commission is desirous of rendering the regulations as humane as possible. They will be based substantially on those in force at the time of the Russo-Turkish war. They cover four main points:

1.—The conditions under which prisoners will be held within the zone of operations.

2.—The methods of the transfer of prisoners to points of concentration and for despatch to European Russia.

3.—Provisions for quarantining prisoners.

4.—The feeding of prisoners. They will receive the same rations as Russian troops. Officers giving their parole will be allowed to live in private quarters. All valuables found on prisoners will be registered and kept for them. A list of prisoners captured will be posted by the general staff, and the names of the dead will be communicated to the foreign office for the information of relatives.

The text of the Emperor's message to Viceroy Alexieff, notifying him of the appointment of General Kuropatkin to the command of the Russian troops in the Far East and of the Admiral Makaroff to command the fleet at Port Arthur not only clearly defined the latter's position, but specifically announced Russia's aim. The message follows: "The importance of the mission which I have assigned to you is such that I have intended to finally assure the predominant position of Russia on the shores of the Pacific ocean, and forseeing that it will be necessary for you as lieutenant, to transfer your residence to a more central position, for instance Harbin or some other place of your choice. I have found it expedient to send to your assistance General Kuropatkin, for the direction of the army command, and Vice Admiral Makaroff, for the direction of the sea forces with the rights of fleet commander. I am convinced that you will find in these independent responsible commanders-in-chief will enable you as my lieutenant to discharge the difficult and historic task which has fallen to your lot."

**LIFE AT VLADIVOSTOCK.**

Ample Supplies of Food, but People are Seeking Safer Quarters.

Vladivostock, March 26.—The supplies of provisions on hand here assure the sale of food at peace prices even though the operations of the Japanese and the overflying of the Japanese may cause difficulty in procuring food for war. The Koreans had laid up stores of cereals, onions and cucumbers for the winter, but these were not used and are now being sold cheap. The attempt to raise prices for rice, however, was followed by repressive military measures. There are many empty lodgings in this city. Nikolsk has been chosen as a residence by many. Nearly all the women of the middle class are leaving Vladivostock, the Island of Sakhalin and Posietia. Lodgings at Nikolsk have doubled in price.

**TURMOIL IN COLORADO.**

Western Federation of Miners' Officials Stirring up Strife.

Ouray, Colo., March 26.—Chas. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, was arrested here today on a charge of desecrating the American flag. He was escorted by soldiers, and a large number of his friends, armed, have started from another direction and will try to intercept him and release him if possible. One party is said to be under the leadership of President McLean, of the Ouray Miners' Union.

President Moyer was arrested on a warrant sworn out by M. A. Wood, of Telluride, the alleged desecration consisting of using the American flag as a tablecloth. It is said that some of his friends, armed, have started from another direction and will try to intercept him and release him if possible. One party is said to be under the leadership of President McLean, of the Ouray Miners' Union.

Trinidad, Colo., March 26.—The office of the U. S. Marshal, Trinidad, was seized today by soldiers, and this week's issue confiscated. It is alleged that this paper has been inciting the strikers to violence. The miners' commissary department and the headquarters of the strikers are in the same building. The soldiers placed a picket on the door and a large number of strikers were locked inside the building. An armed picket was stationed outside. As this was one of the three days of the week on which supplies are issued to the strikers and their families, some hardships were entailed. A thorough search for firearms of the strikers' camp in the bottoms was made today by soldiers. The only weapons found there were one shotgun, one toy rifle, a revolver and fifty shells.

Major Hall has established a press censorship.

**TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.**

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. B. W. Grove's signature is on each box, 25 cents.

## ANGRY AT FRANCE.

New Pope's Criticism of Affairs Causes Annoyance.

Paris, March 26.—The protest which the French government submitted to the Vatican against the recent utterances of the Pope against France was not in the form of an official note, but was a verbal protest by M. Nisard, the ambassador of France at the Vatican to the Papal Secretary of State Merry Del Val. Whether anything will follow the submission of the protest is not yet decided, but it is expected that the protest will suffice to give formal expression to the government's disapproval of the Pope's language.

Information reaching government quarters from the members of the Sacred College are much divided over the Pope's utterances, some regarding them as most unwise and uncalculated. It also appears that the cardinals were completely taken by surprise, as the Pontiff had not given any intimation of his intention to criticize France.

The incident is regarded as showing the new Pope's tendency to carry out his personal ideas irrespective of the views of the Sacred College.

## MORE TROUBLE

### ON LAKE BAIKAL

The Ice Railway Now Has to Be Abandoned And Sleighs Used.

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According to the best information obtainable, Viceroy Alexieff had requested a supply of quick-firing guns in January, but the request was not promptly filled, and the Viceroy is now in a position to demand two pairs of artillery, each consisting of 180 men, with horses, guns and ammunition, left St. Petersburg for the Far East.

Practically all the troops in the Far East have been received at St. Petersburg. They are the people at Vladivostok to remain, and only those who will be allowed to stay who have 422 pounds of flour and 108 pounds of buckwheat, enough to last eight months. All Chinese and Koreans who are without orders, however, are ordered to depart. Persons who start untrue and alarming reports will be court-martialed. Looting is strictly prohibited. Persons interfering with the railroad telegraph will be punished with death, and the same punishment will be meted out to Chinese bandits who are caught stealing.

A special communication from the Russian office under the presidency of Professor De Martens, professor of international law at the University of St. Petersburg, is drawing up regulations for the treatment of prisoners of war. The commission is desirous of rendering the regulations as humane as possible. They will be based substantially on those in force at the time of the Russo-Turkish war. They cover four main points:

1.—The conditions under which prisoners will be held within the zone of operations.

2.—The methods of the transfer of prisoners to points of concentration and for despatch to European Russia.

3.—Provisions for quarantining prisoners.

4.—The feeding of prisoners. They will receive the same rations as Russian troops. Officers giving their parole will be allowed to live in private quarters. All valuables found on prisoners will be registered and kept for them. A list of prisoners captured will be posted by the general staff, and the names of the dead will be communicated to the foreign office for the information of relatives.

The text of the Emperor's message to Viceroy Alexieff, notifying him of the appointment of General Kuropatkin to the command of the Russian troops in the Far East and of the Admiral Makaroff to command the fleet at Port Arthur not only clearly defined the latter's position, but specifically announced Russia's aim. The message follows: "The importance of the mission which I have assigned to you is such that I have intended to finally assure the predominant position of Russia on the shores of the Pacific ocean, and forseeing that it will be necessary for you as lieutenant, to transfer your residence to a more central position, for instance Harbin or some other place of your choice. I have found it expedient to send to your assistance General Kuropatkin, for the direction of the army command, and Vice Admiral Makaroff, for the direction of the sea forces with the rights of fleet commander. I am convinced that you will find in these independent responsible commanders-in-chief will enable you as my lieutenant to discharge the difficult and historic task which has fallen to your lot."

**LIFE AT VLADIVOSTOCK.**

Ample Supplies of Food, but People are Seeking Safer Quarters.

Vladivostock, March 26.—The supplies of provisions on hand here assure the sale of food at peace prices even though the operations of the Japanese and the overflying of the Japanese may cause difficulty in procuring food for war. The Koreans had laid up stores of cereals, onions and cucumbers for the winter, but these were not used and are now being sold cheap. The attempt to raise prices for rice, however, was followed by repressive military measures. There are many empty lodgings in this city. Nikolsk has been chosen as a residence by many. Nearly all the women of the middle class are leaving Vladivostock, the Island of Sakhalin and Posietia. Lodgings at Nikolsk have doubled in price.

## ICE LEAVING

### THE LIAO RIVER

Opening of Navigation on Manchurian River Makes Russians Wary

New Chwang, March 26.—The Liao river became navigable today and shipping agents have received notices of the departure of the vessels from ports along the entire coast of China for New Chwang. The Russian military authorities have issued an order regulating shipping at this port. The order provides that all incoming vessels must anchor five and a half miles below the fort and can proceed into the harbor only between the hours of 6 a. m. and 6 p. m., after undergoing an examination of passengers and cargoes. Merchants are protesting against the order in the hope that ships will be permitted to anchor within two miles of the foreign settlement before submitting to an examination by the authorities.

Although further compromising the rights of the neutrals, the surveillance of all ships passing by the mines is considered by the authorities a necessary military precaution.

## ESTABLISHING A POSITION AT ANTUNG

Russians Erect Many Forts About Korean Town—Difficulties of Transport.

Tokio, March 26.—A private telegram from Korea states that the Russians are establishing a strong position in the vicinity of Antung. They are said to have seven fortresses completed, and to be engaged in erecting six additional ones. It is also reported that the batteries of artillery have been established at Chyang Syong. The Russians are reported to be experiencing great difficulties in transporting army supplies, particularly from Liao Yang. The roads are in bad condition and it has been necessary to repair them and construct a number of new bridges. Food is said to be scarce. No cattle are available and the Russians have been killing and eating horses.

## THE BOLD MAKAROFF.

St. Petersburg, March 26.—The Emperor has received the following from Vice-Admiral Makaroff, under order of Port Arthur, March 26th: "I have the honor to report to your Majesty that I left Port Arthur today with battleships, cruisers and torpedo boats in order to make a reconnaissance of some adjacent islands."

## DAN DALY DEAD.

New York, March 26.—Dan Daly, the "soldier boy" who died today in his room in the Vendome hotel. He got up this afternoon and while dressing was seized with a fit of convulsions which brought on a fatal hemorrhage. His wife died suddenly two weeks ago at Revere, Mass.

## Royalty's Doings At St. Petersburg

Empress Enjoys Moonlight Drives Through By Ways of Capital.

Czar is Solicitous That all the Petitioners Have A Hearing.

St. Petersburg, March 26.—The Russian capital is rapidly nearing spring. Along the Neva still recalls winter, but the ice will go out with a rush within a fortnight. The war seems to have been forgotten as St. Petersburg prepares for the holiday of palm week, which begins tomorrow.

The whole city is talking about the recent midnight drive of the young Empress around the capital. Her Majesty does not limit her peregrinations to the city proper, but visits the suburbs, and the out-of-the-way suburbs, where the appearance of the imperial carriage creates consternation. The police are purposely not allowed to follow the carriage in order to avoid any appearance of premeditation. The Empress is always accompanied by her eldest sister, the Grand Duchess Elizabeth, who is fond of going among the people and freeing herself at every opportunity from the trammels of etiquette. The drive through the quiet moonlight streets was thoroughly enjoyed by the Empress as a pleasant relief from the monotony of the city and the opportunity to provide comforts for the soldiers in the Far East. The Grand Duchess Elizabeth is a favorite of the Muscovites, and she can not resist the temptation to visit the merchants of Moscow to dinner, addressing them by their patronymics, and gave them refreshments with her own hands. She also called upon the poor and the sick, and the Emperor's attitude towards the people is shown by the orders given to the coachman who drove the imperial carriage. He has been ordered to think about the poor when he sees anybody trying to present a petition.

Paris, March 27.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Petit Parisien reports an interview with a high official of the Russian navy regarding the departure of the Baltic squadron for the Far East. The fleet of Admiral Wierens will, this official says, first be recalled and thoroughly overhauled, and he adds the united squadron cannot leave before the end of September, by which time the sectional torpedo boats which are to be sent to Port Arthur will be ready. This will give the Russians added superiority, and the war of the official assets, will be brought to a speedy close. The correspondent's informant declares that the cruiser Dmitriy Donskoi, on account of her slowness, will remain at home. A crisis in the tea trade, adds the correspondent, has been caused by merchants, who announce that a ten per cent. advance in price will be made on Monday.

The Harbin correspondent of the Matin says General Kuropatkin has left that place for Mukden, saying as he departed: "I will maintain my country's honor intact."

A news agency despatch says General Kuropatkin was given an enthusiastic send-off. The municipal authorities placed 7,500 men at his disposal. The thaw has begun at Harbin says the same despatch.

## LADIES' CHORAL SOCIETY.

The First Concert Will Be Given on Wednesday, April 13th.

Arrangements have been completed whereby the Ladies' Choral Society's first concert will be given in the Institute hall on Wednesday, April 13th next. Conductor Frank H. Watkins has chosen a most ambitious programme, which includes works by Hoffman, Grieg, Jensen, Raff and Schumann. The society is in a most prosperous condition and there are over fifty active members now working most assiduously under the careful tuition of Mr. Watkins, and there is every promise of a very fine showing of these works.

The programme will include Hoffman's "Song of the Norns," Grieg's "At the Cloister Gate," which is an intensely dramatic work, the bright and sparkling fairy song by Jensen, "The Spring Rose," Raff's beautiful song, "The Spring Song," and Schumann's "Paradise and the Peri," called "Wreath of the Steps."

The programme will be filled in with solos by such well-known artists as Mrs. W. E. Green, Mr. D. E. Campbell and Miss Levermore and altogether a concert of unusual excellence is promised.

It is probably the first time that a strictly ladies' choral has been heard here and the interest displayed by the ladies themselves speaks volumes for their enthusiasm in the matter.

It is the intention of the society to go straight on with the work after the concert and give another performance at the end of May.

## HOME INDUSTRY.

The British Columbia Soap Works of Victoria may truthfully be said to be one of the most successful and prosperous home industries that British Columbia can boast of today.

Although the company have had the strongest kind of opposition from abroad more particularly to contend with, yet they have steadily grown and are now expanding their business until the company can today boast of a business that is second to none on the American continent. The volume of business done may be more fully realized when it is known that the company at the present time are preparing a three-car shipment for the Northwest Territories, where their business seems to increase with much greater rapidity and the activity of the product much more appreciated than what it is at home, where it is manufactured and where it should receive the fullest kind of support. But unfortunately for Victoria, the company's White Swan Soap for laundry purposes is especially spoken of as a superior article, while it compares favorably in price with the brands of soap made and they different brands of toilet soaps are highly spoken of and said to be equal in all respects to most soaps of outside manufacture. The fact that the British Columbia Soap Works' product is more highly appreciated abroad than at home, is only another illustration of the oft-repeated adage, "That a man must needs go abroad if he would be truly known."

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## SUPREME COURT CASE IS DISMISSED

Hon. Justice Irving Gives Judgment in Camusa vs. Coigdarippe.

Yesterday morning the Supreme court trial, Camusa et al vs. Coigdarippe et al, was resumed before Mr. Justice Irving. On Friday the counsel for the defence addressed his lordship on behalf of their respective clients, viz. E. V. Hodwell, K. C., for J. Coigdarippe, and E. A. McPhillips, K. C., for the Camusa estate.

Before hearing E. P. Davis, K. C., his lordship asked for some information regarding the payment of interest, which, he said, the receipts did not bear out the contention of either party respecting the rise in the rate of interest. This was explained by showing that the sum of \$1,181 was withdrawn from the business in 1888 for Mrs. Camusa to build a house.

Mr. Davis then addressed his lordship.

Mr. Davis submitted that, beyond all question, there was no understanding between Coigdarippe and Bouchard that the latter should buy the Camusa interest and the former take it over.

He claimed also that the burden of proof was on the trustees, as indeed it was so admitted by Mr. Bodwell, and it was on the Erb estate to prove that Mr. Erb did not know that the sum was indeed to Coigdarippe.

Directly after Mr. Davis had finished his argument, his lordship gave judgment. He began by reviewing the terms of the will of the late M. Camusa, and said that there was no dispute about the subsequent investment of the funds derived from the insurance money or the sale of the business.

The present action was for breach of trust against the trustees. She claimed that the sale to Bouchard was in reality a sale to the defendant, Coigdarippe, and the plaintiffs ask for the order to set aside the sale and also ask for an account of the business since the sale.

His lordship then went into the matter of the partnership agreement between Bouchard and Camusa, and said that it had been proved in evidence that one month after the death of Camusa a balance had been struck by Mr. Monteith, which balance was fully gone into, and the terms of which have already been published. The evidence on both sides as to the value of the business was gone into, and his lordship said that the overwhelming evidence of the defendant's witnesses showed that the business was even less valuable as a going concern than Mr. Monteith's report stated. He was of opinion that the sum paid for it was adequate. The trustees had many reasons to think about, and on the whole realized a very fair amount under the circumstances.

His lordship said that, in his opinion, the documentary evidence proved that Mrs. Camusa was mistaken when she swore that the sale of the business took place either at the end of January, 1885, or the beginning of February, as no receipt for interest had been produced to show that any payment for interest had been made prior to the 1st September, 1885.

He, therefore, ruled that the defendant was honest and upright, and that he told the truth when he stated in his evidence that he had told Mrs. Camusa that he would go into the shop and give her \$50 per month and take \$50 per month for interest for her.

His lordship ruled that Bouchard bought for himself from the executors, and that the interest was communicated to Mrs. Camusa as soon as it was resolved upon and agreed to by her. He said he quite believed that it was understood that Coigdarippe would go into the business to assist, and that that materially helped the sale.

He, therefore, dismissed the action.

## CALIFORNIA.

The Land of Perpetual Sunshine, Fruit and Flowers, Where Winter Rains and Cloudy Skies are Unknown.

\$65.20, Victoria to Los Angeles and return, THE BEAUTIFUL SHASTA ROUTE. A trip via Portland on Southern Pacific trains through the fertile Willamette, Umpqua and Rogue River Valleys, past Grand Old Mt. Shasta, through the Sacramento Valley to the orchards and vineyards of Southern California is one never to be forgotten.

Beautifully illustrated pamphlets sent on application to W. E. COMAN, G. P. A., So. Pac. Co., Portland, Ore.

The Business Change Sale goes merrily on at R. Williams & Co.'s big clothing store, this firm reporting a heavy week's business: 1,500 Men's and Boys' Suits, all being new spring goods, have been received. OXFORDS in price for cash, and some 1,200 Suits left over from last season are to be run off at half price. This is a snap for the cash buyer, as this immense stock of clothing must be cleared out and turned into cash without delay. Twenty cases of new Easter Hats and 150 cases of Shirts for the holiday season just unpacked, and will be sold at sale prices. Buy now, before the Spring Suit, but select it NOW while the spring and summer stock is complete, always bearing in mind the motto, "Buy now, first served."

Messrs. R. Williams & Co. are also selling Overcoats and Raincoats at half price during this sale.

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Second Week and continued success of Holmes & Holmes.

In the Screening Room, "Scenes in a Dissecting Room," assisted by

Mr. Harry Gibbs Parrott.

Eccentric Juggler.

Last Week of Victoria's Favorite Baritone

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Sing, "You'll Always Be the Same Sweet Girl to Me."

Rafferty & Dale.

Irish and Dutch Comedians.

Morgue Pictures, "Pickpockets" and "Living and Dying."



# A SEA OF BEAUTY

## Exclusive Novelties for Easter

**THE WESTSIDE on Monday will be a perfect sea of beauty, and practical Easter apparel. Everything is bright and elegant, rich and effective, while prices have reached a limit of cheapness never before attained.**

### New Jackets for Easter

A Display to please every Woman, however fastidious or economical she may be—Two Specials for Monday

Ladies' New Spring Jackets, made in Grey Tweed, with new Cape and Sleeve, neatly finished with stitched cloth and gummed buttons. SPECIAL MONDAY ..... \$8.25

Ladies' Black Silk Jacket, with Cape, collarless style. SPECIAL MONDAY ..... \$8.75

Other Prices: \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.25, \$8.25, \$10.00 to \$25.00

### Easter Millinery Special!

This Department is the rallying point for followers of fashion. On Monday we will make a special Easter Offering of Black in Hats all the newest styles, such as "The Tricorn," "The Flatiron," and large Picture Hats, richly trimmed with Sequin and Silk Moline, Ostlich Plumes, Novelty Straw and handsome trimmings. SPECIAL MONDAY ..... \$10.00



### New Costumes and Dress Skirts for Easter

#### NEW COSTUMES

It is good to hear the exclamation of surprise and delight as our new costume models are shown.

Our new Costumes have all the latest improvements that the fashion leaders in Paris are now wearing, such as the New Eton Jacket, the New Collarless effect, "The Flatiron," and large Picture Hats, richly trimmed with Sequin and Silk Moline, Ostlich Plumes, Novelty Straw and handsome trimmings, and epaulettes effects.

Special Prices, \$12.50, \$13.75, \$15.00, \$16.50, \$18.00, \$20.00, \$22.25 and up to \$36.00



#### NEW DRESS SKIRTS

In Dress Skirts we are catering to the most fastidious dressers. Any woman—petite or robust—can find a skirt to fit and become.

Our new Dress Skirts are made in Fine Venetian Cloth, Wool Voile, Basket and Canvas Cloths, handsomely trimmed with the new fancy crocheted buttons, etc.

Special Prices, \$7.00, \$9.00, \$10.00, \$11.25, \$12.00, and to \$24.00



### Easter Neckwear

We lead in Ladies' Neckwear Novelties, while our styles are exclusive, and the prices below the level of real worth.

Prices from 25c to \$8.50 ea

### Easter Veils and Veiling

The Westside's assortment of New Veils and Veiling is particularly interesting. The styles are exclusive, while the prices are below the level of real worth.

Prices from 20c to 75c yd

### New Wash Fabrics

We've more than doubled our importations of Wash Fabrics over previous seasons, and the fabrics such as Knop, Voile, Basket Cloth, White Broadie, etc., are here in profusion.

Prices from 10c to 50c yd

### New Dress Goods

Every day brings new novelties to the front in this popular department, and the beauty of the new Fancy Voles, Tweeds, etc., are exquisite, while the prices are very low.

Prices 50c to \$1.50 a yard

### Easter Gloves

Almost every lady in Victoria knows the rare excellence of The Westside Kid Gloves. It's impossible to buy better gloves at the money.

Prices 75c to \$1.50 a pair

Never before in the history of The Westside have we been so prepared for the Easter Ribbon demand.

Prices 5c to 40c a yard

### New Silk.

#### Silk Waists for Easter.

The newest of the new is finding way into every department of our store, but the new novelties in our Silk Waist Department eclipse all others. Three specials for tomorrow.

No. 1.—Ladies' Handsome White Silk Waist, richly trimmed with White Lace Insertion, and neatly pleated, cut in the very latest style. SPECIAL MONDAY. \$6.75

No. 2.—Ladies' Elegant Silk Waists, in White only, beautifully trimmed with White Silk Appliqued Medallions and lace cut with the new sleeve, etc. SPECIAL MONDAY. \$8.00

No. 3.—Sheer Linen Tassor Waist, handsomely trimmed down front with pretty Tonerelle



## Moana Had a Pleasant Trip

The Canadian Australian Liner Reaches Victoria Last Night From South.

Brings Large List of Passengers and But Very Little News.

R. M. S. Moana, 4,000 tons, Captain Carey, of the Canadian-Australian line, came to her berth at the ocean docks at 11 o'clock last night, after a very pleasant and entirely uneventful run via Brisbane, Suva and Honolulu, having left Sydney on March 3rd. Amongst her passengers were Messrs. H. B. and H. J. Cambie and Gordon McIntyre, of Vancouver, returning from a trip to the Australasian colonies. The Moana had no freight for Victoria and sailed for Vancouver this morning at 1 o'clock.

The passengers made eager enquiry for war news as soon as the steamer drew up at the dock, and were disappointed at learning that there was nothing doing.

The following are the passengers and freight list of the Moana:

First saloon—Major and Mrs. Payne, Mrs. and Miss Somerset, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Ramsay and four children, Mrs. Campbell, Miss J. B. Ward, Mrs. J. K. Kieley, S. McEwen, P. Dorrington, Neill, J. D. Read, P. E. Salmon, Burgess, McEwen, H. B. Cambie, H. J. Cambie, T. De Schryver, G. McIntyre, Second saloon—Mr. and Mrs. J. Verdon, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harris, Rev. Jesse Taylor and wife, Miss Dora Taylor, May Taylor, Mrs. J. A. Hils and child, Mrs. S. A. Wise and child, Miss E. M. Morris, Mrs. R. Harris, Miss E. Morris, Mrs. and Miss Sage, Capt. A. W. Wilson, Messrs. A. H. Scoullar, J. N. Williams, N. LeRoy, Traylor, J. A. Craft, W. B. Griffin, J. Lindsay, T. Fisher, George McGregor, J. Thompson, C. H. Allen, D. Dunlop, Alexander Rae, George McConell, C. O'Brien, William Crowe, C. Taylor, George Taylor, J. Brown, C. H. Poole, Mr. E. H. Stein, A. B. Bean, George Hyde. There was also a large number of steerage passengers.

## A NAVAL ATTACK.

Torpedo Boat Evades Guards at Esquimalt and Elaters Tormentor.

At 6 o'clock last Friday evening one company of infantry from the barracks marched to Esquimalt. One-half of the company was posted at the Esquimalt, the other half at Esquimalt. The Esquimalt, the entrance to Esquimalt harbor.

After dark torpedo boat No. 23 advanced, with lights on, from the Esquimalt, to attack the Esquimalt. The Esquimalt, the entrance to Esquimalt harbor. The Esquimalt, the entrance to Esquimalt harbor.

## BOATWOMEN ARRIVES.

New Cruiser on Station Reaches Esquimalt Yesterday Morning.

After a voyage of three months, singularly devoid of notable incidents, the second class steamer Bonaventure arrived yesterday from Plymouth to join the Pacific squadron. She is a smart-looking vessel, under ship to H. M. S. Flora, except that she is somewhat larger and has more modern appointments. The Bonaventure takes the place of H. M. S. Amphion on this station. The Bonaventure encountered some severe weather near the Cape Horn, and the Grafton at Callao. The Bonaventure is painted the dead lead color now used on all the naval vessels and is abundant that she has been washed off here and there, showing the red painting coat underneath. The Bonaventure is to be in the dock for cleaning and painting in the course of a fortnight.

The following is the complete list of the Bonaventure's officers: Captain, R. G. Fraser; Lieutenants, Henry B. Gellibrand, George D. Ward, Hugh D. Macrae, Eric L. Wharton; Eng. Master, William H. Deane; Chaplain, Rev. Samuel H. Anderson; Fleet Surgeon, George Smith; M.D., Baymaster, Percy L. Ling; Surgeon, William E. Gibb; Sub-Lieut., Charles A. Pomeroy; Eng. Sub-Lieut., Ed. W. Cole; Assistant Paymaster, William T. Hinchey; Gunners, John Macdonald, Walter P. Williamson; Boatswain, William A. Collins; Carpenter, Robert Irvine; Mill, Eng., Albert P. Lambert.

## MARINE NOTES.

The ship Fortvie, now lying at Bell's wharf at the marine slip, is expected to enter the drydock Monday morning. The Fortvie has just received a new forecastle. The ship was sent to tow the steamer Queen City to Victoria for repairs. The steamer Danube arrived last evening from the northern British Columbia ports. She brought 4,000 units of stores. She had beautiful weather all the way. It was pretty cold in the North when she left. The C. P. R. steamer Tartar leaves on Monday for the Oriental ports. The Canadian-Australian liner Moana is due to leave for the Australian ports again on April 1st. The steamer Ties is alongside the C. P. N. wharf being refitted for trade. The steamer Otter brought over a lot of cattle from the Fraser last night.

## COMING WEST.

One of the Eastern dailies very often met throughout the paper came under the management of Mr. J. S. Williams about a year ago, and has since been conducted on independent political lines. The News contains 12 pages of news, with 24 extra pages on Saturdays. It covers the news of the day in an adequate and attractive manner. Events in political and parliamentary circles are fully and accurately reported, while special attention is paid to the West. The paper is now going into many hands. A sample copy may be obtained for a postcard, but the surest way to see the News is to send \$1.00 to the News, Toronto, and have the paper come every day for a year.

## COMFORT FOR THE AGED.

Judging from the letters of people up in years there is no medicine which so promptly frees them of aches and pains and insures regularity of bowels as Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. Even when all other means have failed old people can turn to this great medicine with full assurance of relief and cure.

## SPORTING NEWS.

### ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The Garrison Wins.

Yesterday afternoon the last of the provincial championship local series of games was played at the Work Point barneck grounds between Victoria and the Garrison team. The former were without the services of Lieut. Lewis at centre forward, Baker the star basket-ball player of Victoria West filling the position. The game started on time, in brilliant sunshine and before a very large crowd of spectators, both military and civilian. Mr. Fred Richardson acted as referee.

All the scoring was done in the first half, the Garrison kicking towards the canteen end. Shortly after the kick-off Grimes put in a beauty which completely beat Jones and notched the first goal for the Garrison. Shortly afterwards McMillan equalized and the excitement began to be intense. Not long after McMillan's goal, Foote, centre half, fouled the ball inside the penalty area, and although the referee did not call for a free, the penalty kick, which Grimes easily converted into a goal.

The next goal scored was the effort of the game and was the result of a beautiful shot by Victor Scott. Paley, the captain. Jones never had a ghost of a show to stop it and the success was greeted by rounds of cheers by Garrison and supporters and opponents alike. This failed to comfort the Garrison, though both sides missed easy chances to score again during the first half.

The second half was fast and good football was put up by both teams, and though the Victorias attacked again and again, the Garrison were unable to score. The attacks lacked vim and the shooting at the goal was conspicuous by its absence.

On the other hand the Garrison forwards played a magnificent game and it was due to the splendid defence of Gower, Gower and Jones that more goals were not scored. Gower especially putting up a grand game and some of his kicks were superb. One, particularly, which nearly scored from mid-field. The ball just dropped wide and had it been a few feet further in would have bothered Worrall to stop it.

It would be an excellent scheme in future to amalgamate the Victoria teams with the Garrison and have Victoria and the Garrison at this end and Nanaimo and Ladysmith at the other. By so doing a really capable team could be put in the field by Victoria and much more interest would be the result.

Yesterday goal posts were used and stumped all probable disputing as to goals.

The standing of the clubs who have played in the local series for provincial championship honors follows:

Garrison	4	3	0	1	7
Victoria	4	1	1	2	4
Columbia	4	0	3	1	1

Floras Defeat Ladysmith.

The Flora Association team defeated the strong Ladysmith eleven by two goals to one at the Victoria grounds yesterday afternoon after a fast and exciting game.

Lieut. Lewis played in great form at centre forward and scored both goals for the victors. His goals were ably seconded by Anson, on the right wing. Blingham played a fine half back game and Wahl, at full back, was a veritable stone wall. For Ladysmith, Adams, at the left forward, was the only goal for his side with a beautiful shot. The full backs were good, but the forwards did not combine enough. The Floras deserved their victory as their combination and all-round work were superior to their opponents. H. Jasper, of Esquimalt, acted as referee. He disallowed one goal, which Anson scored, saying the sailor was off-side. Lieut. Lewis got the ball and passed to Anson, who completely beat the goalkeeper, and the decision was a very strange one. Anson also beat the goalkeeper on another occasion, but one of his kicks hit the ball and a penalty was given, but nothing resulted from it.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Floras Fails to Appear.

The Victoria boys turned out at Beacon Hill yesterday afternoon expecting a good game with the Floras fifteen, but to their great disappointment the sailors failed to put in an appearance.

## WRESTLING.

Two Feathers in Fine Form.

Last evening at the A. O. U. W. hall Chief Two Feathers wrestled his third match during the week, and scored the worse for his battles on the mat. He had undertaken a pretty tough proposition, viz. to wrestle Berg McMillan and win three out of five falls, and at one time after the second bout, Ed. W. Cole, assistant paymaster, William T. Hinchey, gunners, John Macdonald, Walter P. Williamson, Boatswain, William A. Collins, Carpenter, Robert Irvine, Mill, Eng., Albert P. Lambert.

A good preliminary had been arranged for Jack O'Neill, Two Feathers' manager having challenged fifteen sailors and soldiers to put them all down inside of one hour actual wrestling or forfeit \$25. It appears that one of the best of them, Green, sprained his wrist during the day and because he could not come the rest would not. Therefore after waiting for over half an hour, D. A. McMillan informed the audience of their failure to keep the engagement, and at about 9:15 the main match started.

Berg took the first round and gave the Indian a splendid tussle, time after time when it appeared that he must be put down he would wriggle out and the spectators cheered him again and again for his clever work. It was apparent, however, that it was a matter of endurance and eventually the Indian won the fall in 35 minutes and 20 seconds with a half Nelson and crotch hold.

After a breathing spell McMillan and the Indian started, and the boy was slow as the other was fast. In fact it got depressing until McMillan got the Indian with a half-Nelson and scissored him and after a game struggle by the latter, his shoulder was thrown and in 25 minutes. One all and a fresh man to come one. Things looked blue for Two Feathers.

The Indian's reverse simply nerved him to better work, however, and after another half hour he got the third fall in 22 minutes with practically the same hold as McMillan threw him with in the previous bout. The boys in another splendid round, but the Indian was tired and made things decidedly interesting for Berg and the spectators.

The fourth round was with McMillan, and a splendid one it was. The Indian was in 21 minutes, and taking a lesson from McMillan, got the latter's head between his knees, and with a half Nelson and scissored him, the same hold as the two preceding bouts, after a magnificent struggle put him down and won the match, which was for \$150 a side and a percentage of the house.

Charles Wrigglesworth refereed most impartially, and C. L. Cullen held the watch. The contest was under the auspices of the Fifth Regiment band, and it was no fault of theirs that a better house was not secured. It would appear that wrestling is not a very favorite sport with Victorians, as the last two matches have been very poorly patronized.

"Smith has lost his job, and I'm hustling to get him another." "You are?" "Yes, I owe him \$10 and I'm afraid he'll be needing it."—Puck.

## Local News.

Mission Services.—Mr. W. B. Ritchie will conduct the service in the St. James hall this evening at 7:30 p. m. A hearty invitation is extended to all to attend these services which are held every Sunday evening. Dr. D. Scowcroft will assist with a solo.

Returns Thanks.—Mr. B. E. Olsen, on behalf of herself and family wishes to convey her heartfelt thanks to friends for their kindness shown and for all assistance rendered in their sad hour of bereavement and for all floral designs.

Will Practice Here.—Mr. F. C. Wade, until recently Crown Prosecutor in the Yukon, has arrived here from Winnipeg. It is Mr. Wade's intention to settle in British Columbia and practice his profession here and the object of his visit to Victoria is to sit for the necessary examination before the Benchers.

Last Rites.—The funeral of the late Robert Walton took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, Victoria West. Rev. Mr. Dean conducted the services and the following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Messrs. S. M. O'Neil, J. Renoult, C. McDonald and H. J. Renoult. A large number of friends attended, including members of the church choir and many beautiful floral emblems were presented.

Seized Shingle Bolts.—Mr. John Murray, provincial timber inspector, confiscated on Tuesday between 300 and 500 cords of cordwood and several hundred shingle bolts near Puntaby Lake. The land on which these were cut is government reserve and lies east of Vancouver. The cutters were Chinese and the chief commissioner of lands and works will decide what action is to be taken against them.

War Photograph.—The Colonist reproduces on its first page this morning the first photograph received by any newspaper on the continent of America, depicting an incident of the terrible naval battle which occurred in the harbor of Chemungo a few weeks ago—the sinking of the Russian cruiser Korietz. It was forwarded from the Far East by the Colonist's correspondent at the front and arrived yesterday on the steamer Tacoma.

H. C. Walters' Inquest.—Howard C. Walters, well known throughout British Columbia as the man who brought the famous Britannia copper-zinc deposits to the attention of the world, has gone insane, and his physicians say he may not survive longer than a few months. Mr. Walters was about two weeks ago removed from his home in Seattle to the Washington State Asylum for the Insane at Steadman. It is stated that he cannot recognize even his closest friends. The asylum authorities have reported that Mr. Walters will never recover his mentality.

Social at Craigflower.—On Friday evening the last social and concert of the winter months was held at the Craigflower public schoolhouse under the auspices of the Craigflower Amateur Dramatic Association. The evening was a long one, with a program of songs, recitations, etc. A very pretty feature was a song by the school children under the instruction of Mr. Ross, the teacher. Mrs. Ross very kindly presided at the piano. The entertainment concluded with a comedy in one act, entitled "Popping the Question," with the characters filled by the members of the association. The association will start in good time to prepare for next winter's entertainments.

Affairs at Simpson.—The Colonist's correspondent at Port Simpson, writing under date of March 22, says: "The smallpox scare has subsided and matters have settled back to their normal state as new recruits have come to light and Mrs. White, the woman who was landed here several weeks ago, having been released from quarantine. The Canadian revenue cutter Kestrel is now on duty watching for poachers. Dixon entrance. She is making this port her headquarters. The Indian part of the population of this town have started out for spring salmon, which will be coming in in quantities before long. These fish generally follow the codfishes, and the latter are already making their appearance in large quantities."

Workman.—Through the gross carelessness of one of the men engaged on the wires yesterday the five months' old child of Mrs. Wilkins, 52 Pandora street, met with a nasty accident, which might easily have proved fatal. Mrs. Wilkins was at the corner of Government and Fort streets wheeling the baby in a carriage, when an insulator was dropped and struck the child over the eye. A very nasty result, and Mr. D. M. Dixon, the principal of the school, who was standing by, said that if it had been an eighth of an inch further over the eye would have been completely destroyed.

Holy Week.—The following services are announced for Holy Week at Christ Church Cathedral: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, at 8 a.m., holy communion; 11 a.m., matins; 5 p.m., evensong; Friday, at 8 a.m., 8 p.m., story of the cross with address by the Rev. W. B. Allen. Good Friday, 8 a.m., litany; 9 a.m., children's service; 11 a.m., matins with sermon by the Rev. W. B. Allen. 12 to 3 p.m., service of the three hours with hymns and address by the bishop upon the "Seven Words from the Cross"; 7 p.m., evensong with sermon by the Rev. W. B. Allen.

May Come to Victoria.—Now that the International League has fallen through because convenient grounds could not be secured in Vancouver, Everett, Kelowna and Victoria, it is probable that independent teams again this year, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. There is some talk of George "Breadway" taking hold of the Victoria team. A better man for the place could not be found unengaged. "Bread" knows all the ins and outs of the game, could develop young players and handle every part of the team. Besides, his great hitting ability would add to the playing strength.

Mill Men Worried.—Says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer of yesterday: "A feature of the shingle market that is worrying Western millmen is the activity of British Columbia mills in the American field. They have a hard and fast agreement that preserves price throughout Canada and the 'rubber' there are observing the price list closely. The Canadian Pacific, however, has quoted a rate on shingles into Paul and the middle West exactly as the Great Northern and Northern Pacific have given rates. This lets the Canadians into American territory with only the tariff on shingles to overcome. At present this charge is 20 cents per 1,000 and heavy shipments of children's shingles from British Columbia into the middle West have been reported. The Canadian mills are able to manufacture shingles cheaper than the Washington plants. They are permitted to employ Japanese and Chinese labor and stumpage is cheaper in British Columbia than it is on this side of the line."

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## The Rhodes Scholarships

Superintendent Robinson Receives Complete Instructions as to Procedure.

Names of British Columbians Finally Entered For Examinations.

Yesterday Superintendent Robinson of the Department of Education, received from the Secretary of the Rhodes Scholarship Trustees in London, England, the following interesting matter, which will be read with no little attention here, as five young British Columbians are competing for the prize of successful effort. The conditions of eligibility are not onerous or numerous. The British Columbia committee have not yet selected the place where the examinations will be held, but in all probability it will be found that the candidates will be invited to come to Victoria to write.

The forms for the signature of the persons who shall superintend the examinations testifying that everything has been carried out with honorable fairness are also in the hands of Superintendent Robinson. The names of the candidates who are definitely announced as entrants for these scholarships are as follows:

Henry R. Bray, son of Mr. Marshall Bray, government agent, Nanaimo. Now in his third year at Toronto University.

F. G. T. Lucas, of Kaslo, B. C. A graduate of Toronto University.

W. A. Donaldson, son of Mr. Donaldson of the Board of School Trustees, Vancouver city. Has completed his second year at Vancouver College.

Israel Rubinstein, Vancouver, now in his fourth year at McGill University, Montreal.

E. K. Debeck, son of Mr. Debeck, Indian agent, Alert Bay, Vancouver Island, has completed his second year at Vancouver College.

The following are the recommendations of the Trustees to the several committees:

Dear Sir:—I am sending you, under separate cover, copies of a memorandum which embodies the suggestions of the Trustees in regard to the selection of a Rhodes scholar from your province for the present year. The Trustees hope that they may count upon the assistance of yourself and the other members of the Committee of Selection appointed for your province, to give effect to their recommendations. They will have to depend upon you to fix a place for holding the qualifying examination which will be most convenient for candidates from all parts of the province, and to give due notice of the time and place of the examination to the candidates. They must also ask you to name a supervising examiner, who will see that the examination is conducted with fairness and impartiality. The certificate on this point which he will be asked to sign is enclosed herewith.

The Trustees would remind you that according to the memorandum issued in June last the conditions of eligibility are as follows:

(a) Students may be candidates who shall have completed their second year's work at some recognized degree-granting University or College of Canada during the year of election.

(b) Scholars must be unmarried; must be British subjects, and not less than 19 nor more than 25 years of age on October 1st of the year in which they are elected.

(c) Candidates may elect whether they will apply for scholarship of the province in which they have acquired their educational qualification, or for that of the province in which they have their private domicile, home or residence. They must present themselves for examination in the province they select. No candidate may apply in more than one province.

In any doubtful case of eligibility the

decision of the Committee of Selection shall be final.

It seems necessary that the qualifying examination should be held simultaneously throughout America, and the Trustees hope that it will be found possible to adhere strictly to this condition. Six papers will be given in the examination, for each of which two hours are allowed. It is supposed that nearly a month will elapse between the date when the examination is held and the time when the report of the examiners will be in the hands of the Committee of Selection. Should all the candidates have exemption from responsibilities under the Colonial Statute, the election may be proceeded with at once. It is hoped that local knowledge and the credentials submitted will make the work of selection in most cases easy.

The Trustees will be glad to receive any suggestion derived from the experience of Committees of Selection on this occasion as to methods by which the selection of scholars can be simplified in coming years. The present memorandum applies only to elections in 1904.

Meanwhile the Trustees feel that their greatest reliance in trying to conduct the election of Mr. Rhodes must be on the conscientious exercise of their judgment by the Committees of Selection in sending to them as scholars students of power and promise, and representative types of the manliness, culture and character of the province from which they come. Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

GEO. R. PARKIN.

Memorandum for Committees of Selection making appointments to Scholarships throughout Canada for 1904.—

1. A written examination will be held beginning on April 13th, at a place fixed by the Committee of Selection for each province. This committee will appoint a suitable person to supervise the examination, and will arrange for its impartial conduct. It should be clearly understood that this examination is not competitive, but simple qualifying, and is intended to give assurance that no elected scholar will be unable to pass Responsions, the first examination which the University of Oxford requires of all candidates for the B. A. degree.

2. At the request of the Trustees, the University of Oxford has named for the present year three examiners to prepare examination papers and report upon the replies given. The papers will be forwarded in sealed parcels to the chairman of the Committee of Selection. The parcel containing the examination papers shall only be opened by the supervising examiner at the time and place of examination. As the papers contain the full text of all classical passages used in examination, no text books will be required by candidates. Arrangements will be made to supply stationery to candidates at the place of examination.

3. The replies made by candidates shall be collected at the close of each examination, and forwarded in sealed parcels to a central office fixed by the Trust for despatch to the examiners at Oxford.

4. The University of Oxford has agreed to accept in lieu of Responsions the certificate of the examiners that students have passed this examination, so that all scholars elected will be exempted from that test when they come into residence at Oxford.

5. As soon as the report of the examiners has been received, the chairman of the Committee of Selection will be furnished with a list of the candidates who have passed and are therefore eligible for election.

6. The Committee of Selection will then proceed to choose the scholar for the year. In accordance with the wish of Mr. Rhodes, the Trustees desire that "in the election of a student to a scholarship regard shall be had to (i) his literary and scholastic attainments, (ii) his fondness for and success in mainly outdoor sports, such as cricket, football and the like, (iii) his qualities of manhood, truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindliness, unselfishness and fellowship and (iv) his exhibition during school days of moral force of character and of instincts to lead and to protect an interest in his school-mates."

Mr. Rhodes suggested that (ii) and (iii) should be decided in any school or college by the votes of fellow-students, and (iv) by the head of the school or college.

Where circumstances render it impracticable to carry out the letter of these sug-

gestions, the Trustees hope that every effort will be made to give effect to their spirit, but desire it to be understood that the final decision must rest with the Committee of Selection.

7. To aid in making a choice, each candidate should therefore be required to furnish to the chairman of the Committee of Selection:

(a) A certificate of age.  
(b) A certificate from his school or college that he has been selected as a candidate from that school or college who best fulfills the ideas of Mr. Rhodes' bequest.  
(c) A statement from his school or college of the grounds upon which he was chosen, including his educational qualifications, his record in athletics, and such testimonials from his masters at school and his professors at college in reference to the qualities indicated by Mr. Rhodes as seem best adapted to guide the judgment of the Committee of Selection.

8. Should it seem advisable, the Committee of Selection is free to apply to the candidates, or to any selected number of them, such further intellectual or other tests as they may consider necessary.

9. The chairman of the Committee of Selection will at once notify to the Trustees or their agent, the name of the elected scholar, and will forward to Mr. F. J. Wylie, the Rhodes Trust, Oxford, all the credentials and testimonials relating to scholarship and character on which the election was made.

10. The elected scholar will then be furnished by the chairman of the Committee of Selection with a memorandum prepared by the representatives of the Trustees at Oxford of the steps necessary to be taken to have his name enrolled at one of the Colleges of the University.

11. The cost of scholarship will be paid in four quarterly instalments; the first on beginning residence at Oxford, and thereafter terminally on the certificate of his college that the work of the student has been satisfactory. Without such a certificate the scholarship lapses. A scholarship which lapses either from the failure of a student to enter the college certificate, from resignation, from marriage, or from any other cause, will not be filled up till the year in which it would naturally expire. This provision is made in order not to interfere with the rota of succeeding scholars.

12. The Trustees have decided to accept for the present year as candidates, without a further qualifying examination, any students or graduates of McGill University, Toronto University, Dalhousie University, and the University of New Brunswick, who have fulfilled the conditions under which they are exempted by the Colonial Universities Statute from Responsions or certain other examinations at Oxford University.

A copy of the Colonial Universities Statute is sent herewith, and the Committee of Selection will decide finally whether any claim to be exempted the qualifying examination holds good.

KRYSLIN.—This is a compound manufactured by the Kryslin Manufacturing Company, located at 187 Douglas Street, and is said to be invaluable as a cleanser in all phases of life. In the household it is used with economy and advantage, as compared with soap, in the washing of clothes, dishes, windows, painted walls, furniture, carpets and general housecleaning. A special line of the compound is also prepared for all toilet purposes and is already finding favor among those who have made use of it for this purpose. Kryslin is said to be far superior to soap, both from points of economy in time and money, while it accomplishes the purposes for which it is intended with much greater satisfaction. Kryslin may now be had in any quantities from all grocers and druggists in the city, the same as soap or any other article of household use. Victoria is the headquarters of the Kryslin Manufacturing Co., and from the encouragement they have already received the new manufacture bids fair to become popular throughout the province. See their ad. elsewhere in this paper for particulars, etc. The company are asking for agents in all cities, towns and villages throughout Canada.

Le Petite Crystal Theatre.—A complete change of programme takes place

at the above theatre for this week, as may be seen by their advertisement elsewhere in this paper, with everything new from start to finish. The world's championship trick bicyclists are said to be wonders, and a whole show in themselves. Theresa Marido, in a high-class dramatic sketch, and Len Spencer, the novelty musical entertainer and baritone soloist, direct from New York; Hazel Raymond, the child artist, in song and dance; Bertha Goulding, the lady cornet soloist, are said to be artists and entertainers of the highest class. J. V. Mitchell, in his beautiful illustrated song, "Somebody's Waiting for Me," is charming. The moving pictures are all new and high-class subjects. Altogether this week's show at the Crystal will surpass in excellence any yet seen in Victoria.

LEONARD H. SOLLY, Land Commissioner.



The Shoe for Easter

## DO YOU KNOW

Small profits make low prices, low prices make large sales, large sales make large profits. That is our system whereby you save money and we make money.



Don't blame your feet, come here next time.

## BOOTS OF QUALITY SHOES THAT FIT WITH STYLE

Men's Patent Leather and Vic Kid Lace Boots, a dandy, at ..... \$3.50  
Men's Box Calf Lace, Goodyear welts a good sole, at 3.00  
Men's Box Calf Congress and Lace plain toes, at .... 3.00  
Men's Dongola and Box Calf Lace Boots, at ..... 2 50  
Men's Working Boots, lace and elastic sides, at ..... 1.50  
Ladies' Patent Kid and Vic Kid Lace Boots, \$4.00 to 5.00  
Ladies' Vic Kid, patent tip, Goodyear welt, regular \$3.50, now ..... 3.00

Ladies' Dongola Lace Boots, with style, at ..... 2.00  
Ladies' Pebble Lace Boots, patent tip, at ..... 1.50  
Misses' Patent Leather Lace, something new ..... 2.00  
Misses' Dongola Lace, patent tip, good soles, \$1.75 to 2.00  
Misses' Dongola and Box Calf Lace Boots, \$1.25 to 1.75  
Boys' Box Calf Lace Boots, sizes 1 to 5, at ..... 2.00  
Boys' Lace Boots, neat and strong, sizes 1 to 5, at .. 1.50  
Boys' Lace Boots, sizes 1 to 5, only ..... 1.00

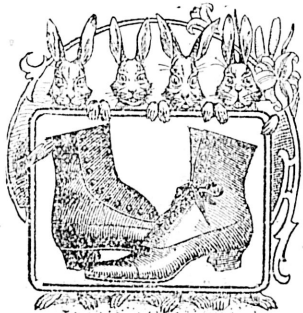


Shoeing Boys

For Children's Boots, Shoes and Slippers we are strictly in it.

## JAS. MAYNARD

85 Douglas Street  
ODD FELLOWS' BLOCK



Millady's Easter Shoes

# BUSINESS CHANGE SALE!!

## AGREEMENT

Made this Fifth day of March, 1904, between the SEMI-READY CLOTHING COMPANY, LIMITED, (hereinafter called "the Company") of the first part, and B. WILLIAMS & CO., of the City of Victoria, in the County of Vancouver Island, in the Province of British Columbia, hereinafter called "the Purchasers," of the second part.

The Company this day grants to the Purchasers the sole and exclusive right to sell at retail only branded "Semi-ready" Clothing made by the Company; in the Town or City of Victoria for the period of time and subject to the conditions hereinafter set out.

The Company binds itself, so long as this contract remains in force, not to sell to any other dealer in the Town or City of Victoria, either at wholesale or retail, or under any subterfuge whatever, any garments bearing the Company's "Semi-ready" brand or name, and to protect the Purchasers against price-cutting on said "Semi-ready" Clothing by every means in its power.

The Company also agrees to advertise the said goods extensively by means of newspapers, catalogues, pamphlets, or such other methods as may seem in its discretion to be most effective, and to name of the Purchasers as the sole dealer having the right to sell them, and to expend at least five per cent of the amount purchased in advertisements.

The Purchasers agree to sell "Semi-ready" Clothing made by the Company only, and at retail only in the Town or City only of Victoria, and at prices fixed by the Company, and at no other price without the written consent of the Company, and then only when every trade-mark, brand or means of identification has been removed or effaced.

The Purchasers agree not to represent any garment from which the Company's brand or trade-mark has been removed, nor any other garment not bearing said trade-mark, brand or name, as a "Semi-ready" garment, made by the Company, being aware that such action would cause serious damage to the Company.

The Purchasers agree to purchase from the Company a first order to be approved and selected by him of "Semi-ready" Clothing amounting to not less than \$5,000.00, and a further order if this agreement continues as like of at least \$5,000.00 within the first year, \$12,000.00 the second year, and \$15,000.00 the third and succeeding years, during the life of the agreement.

The Purchasers agree to give six months' notice in writing, prior to the date when this contract expires, if they desire to renew it. If this contract is not renewed, or if it is terminated by effluxion of time, by notice, breach or otherwise, they agree to sell such stock of "Semi-ready" Clothing as they may have on hand when the contract has come to an end, back to the Company, at a valuation not to exceed the price they paid for it.

If the parties hereto are unable to agree on a valuation, the Purchasers now bind themselves that they will forthwith, after this contract has been terminated, effaced and removed from the stock of "Semi-ready" Clothing, and from all cartons, etc., they may have on hand when the contract has been terminated, all trade-marks, prices, names or other means of identification; and that they will not sell, expose or offer for sale, such stock of "Semi-ready" Clothing, or any portion of it, as they may have on hand when this contract has been terminated, without first removing therefrom, and from all cartons containing same, all trade-marks, names, prices, or other means of identification, and even after such means of identification have been removed, they will sell them only as ordinary clothing without using the name "Semi-ready" or of the Company in conjunction therewith.

The Purchasers agree to furnish the Company semi-annually from the date hereof a full statement of all their assets and liabilities. This contract is made for a term of ten years from July 1st, 1904, but may be terminated at any time by either party giving to the other six months' notice in writing.

If the membership of the present firm be changed during the term of this contract, by the retirement of any member, or the addition of any new member, or should they form a company to carry on their business, the Purchasers undertake that such partnership, new firm or company shall assume this contract and comply with and carry out same.

The Purchasers agree to sell "Semi-ready" Clothing only made and supplied to them by the Company so long as this contract or any extension thereof remains in force.

The Purchasers covenant and agree with the Company that they will not sell their stock of "Semi-ready" Clothing en bloc, or in any other manner except at retail, without at first obtaining the consent of the Company in writing, and in case they sell out their business while this contract is in force they undertake that the purchaser from whom they are buying, assume this contract and observe and carry out the terms and conditions hereof. The Company, however, shall not be bound to accept such purchaser in their place or stead.

It is agreed and understood that a breach of any of the above conditions, covenants or agreements by the Purchasers shall release the Company from all responsibility hereunder, and leave it free to appoint a new agency and to enforce observance and performance of the above covenants and agreements.

This contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of each of the parties hereto. The Company will not cancel this contract providing the Purchasers live to the conditions herein contained.

Dated this Fifth day of March, A. D. 1904.

Dating Spring Orders nett thirty days, 1st April. Dating Fall Orders nett thirty days, 1st October. Assorting nett sixty days 10th to 15th following date of shipment.

B. WILLIAMS & CO., per pro. W. T. WILLIAMS,  
SEMI-READY CLOTHING CO., LTD., per H. A. BEATTY, manager.  
A. E. MACNAUGHTON, witness.

# Easter Suits! Easter Hats! Easter Shirts!

1,500 Suits for Men and Boys. All New Spring Goods reduced One-fifth for Cash. 1,200 Suits for Men and Boys left from last Season reduced to Half Price for Cash. This is a Snap for Cash Buyers. 20 cases Easter Hats. 50 cases Easter Shirts and 5 cases Easter Ties just unpacked. Entire stock to be sold. First come, first served.

**B. WILLIAMS & COMPANY**  
68-70 YATES STREET, VICTORIA







**Cottages For Sale!**

3 commodious, well-planned Cottages for sale within easy reach of the tram and within easy walking distance of the centre of the city.

**PEMBERTON & SON**

45 FORT STREET

**"Seed Potatoes"**

Early Rose, Burbanks, Beauty of Heburn, Flower Balls, All choice hand picked selected stock.

**The Sylvester Feed Co.,** 87-89 YATES STREET Tel. 413.

**Cable is Ordered From England**

International Telephone Coy. Complete Details of Long-Distance Scheme.

Victoria to Have Communication With Mainland, Including Washington and Oregon.

The Colonist is in a position to announce this morning on official authority that all arrangements have been perfected looking to the success of the project aimed at giving Victoria telephonic communication with the mainland and that last evening the order for the cable was forwarded to England.

The syndicate which has financed the scheme is the International Telephone Company, which is an amalgamation of each of the companies hitherto operating long-distance wires in the province. Mr. James Forman of Messrs. Heilmann & Co., of this city has been handling the Victoria end of the negotiations, which have led up to the success of the scheme and yesterday he was in a position to make a definite announcement.

The cable which is to be what is known as a four-ply cable—one of the finest of the various types of long-distance telephonic cables—has been ordered from a leading firm of cable manufacturers in England, and will probably be delivered in Victoria in four or five months' time. It will run from Victoria to Whateam via San Juan, Orcas and Lamma islands and with two wires will give a service by Whateam and Vancouver with all points in the popular portion of British Columbia, Washington and Oregon. This means that opportunities will be given the people of Victoria to converse with parties so far distant as Nelson, Rossland, Grand Forks, Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane and Portland, Oregon. Of course, it would be only when the lines were clear that such distances could be reached and the parties to the conversation easily accessible by the agents; but for lesser distances the service will at all times be immediately available. It may be mentioned, in order to show the limits of long distance telephones that conversation has been carried on between New York and Chicago, a distance approximately of 1,000 miles.

While, of course, the company has not yet arranged its schedule or rates, it is understood that a rate of 50 cents will be charged for the first five words of conversation with Vancouver and 60 cents to Seattle. That this is a very reasonable charge will be admitted when it is mentioned that in ordinary conversation a person will speak 150 words per minute. The telephonic rate to Vancouver is 25 cents for ten words.

That the inauguration of the system will prove a very great convenience to business men is obvious, but it is also believed it will greatly tend to stimulate commercial activity and intercourse in the territory covered.

**THE J. B. A. BAILL**

Preparations for the Big Event are Practically Completed.

Active preparations for the Bays' dance on April 8th are being industriously prosecuted. The committee, organized yesterday, when a large and muscular committee, armed with axes and teams made a determined attack on the woods. They captured a large amount of rich spoils, which will be handed over to the decoration committee for the adornment of the Assembly rooms. The decoration committee includes both professional and amateur artists of considerable ability, and they have under consideration some original schemes in decoration.

The committee wish it to be known that every member of the committee has there is lots of work for every one of them, who can turn up at the Assembly rooms in the evenings between this and the date of the ball, and that all the assistance the individual members

## A Sudden Stroke Of Paralysis

Only Results After Months or Years of Nervous Exhaustion—There are Always Symptoms to Give Timely Warning.

It is a great mistake to imagine that persons of robust health and good vitality are suddenly seized with paralysis. All nervous diseases are slow in coming on, and for this reason the victim often does not realize his danger until overtaken by prostration or paralysis.

Loss of interest in life, sleeplessness, irritability, failure of memory, inability to concentrate the mind, muscular weakness, indigestion, headache, twitching of the nerves, feelings of depression and despondency are among the symptoms which tell of an exhausted nervous system and the approach of paralysis.

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food stops the wasting process by which the nerve cells are being destroyed, and by forming new, rich blood and creating new nerve force, positively and permanently restores the nervous system.

There is no other way in this world by which nervous exhaustion can be overcome and prostration and paralysis prevented.

Stimulants and narcotics merely hasten collapse. Restorative treatment is necessary.

The process of reconstruction is necessarily gradual, and you can be absolutely certain that every dose of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is doing you lasting good.

It is your duty to study your symptoms and prevent the dreadful results of neglected nervous diseases.

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food 50 cents a box at all dealers, or Edmanston, Bates & Company, Toronto. To protect you against imitations, the portrait and signature of Dr. A. W. Chase, the famous receipt book author, are on every box.

**Tacoma From the Orient**

Northern Pacific Liner Arrives Yesterday After Pleasant Voyage.

Interesting Talks About War With Officers and the Passengers.

Late on Friday night the steamer Tacoma of the Northern Pacific line arrived at William Head, coming up to the ocean docks early yesterday morning from her trip from the Orient. She left Yokohama on March 10th, and met easterly winds of more or less strength all the way across, the voyage on the whole being pleasant. The Tacoma brought several passengers and 250 tons of freight for Victoria, the remainder of her cargo and passengers being for Puget Sound ports. After disembarking here she passed on to the Sound at 2 o'clock.

There was little to be gleaned regarding the progress of the war, the officers saying that they had been informed before their departure that a decisive land engagement was expected in Korea somewhere on the 15th of March. They, therefore, expected to learn some news, and were somewhat disappointed when they were informed that the war was dragging its weary length along like a wounded snake, with very few wriggles to the yard of progress.

Dr. Freeman, the Tacoma's doctor, told the Colonist that he had visited the mob of war correspondents at their PALATIAL QUARTERS in the Imperial hotel, Tokio, and had found them enjoying life immensely. Amongst them was Mr. Gordon Smith, lately of the London Morning Post, and a former member of the Colonist staff. Mr. Smith was in high spirits and eager to get off to the front. There were forty-two correspondents crowded at the Imperial, and the names of some of them are of world-wide celebrity. Bennett Burleigh, the dean of the mob, was to be seen every morning stalking solemnly on the veranda, or chatting with other sojourners at the hotel. He was greatly worried at the delay in getting off to the front, but as the general staff themselves had not gone, the correspondents had not too much to grumble at.

The correspondents spent the time riding into the surrounding country to visit famous tea gardens, take photographs and study the map and the situation. The correspondents are waiting away part of the time in getting up a book to be sold in aid of the Japanese war relief fund. Each of the correspondents is contributing a chapter, consisting of a narrative of some old experience in his career. Mr. Gordon Smith had turned his chapter in before the Tacoma left. Dr. Freeman gave the colonist an interesting account of the extraordinary manner in which the Japanese are trying to improve the physical characteristics of the people. They are literally a nation of PRACTISING ATHLETES.

Every mother's eye of them, from toddling babies, with two teeth to display when they smile, up to white-haired grandpas, who were born long before Japan thought of adopting the modern system of physical cultivation, go in for their daily drills. It is a most curious sight to see a military drill instructor putting a whole battalion of children, who are not much more than infants, through a series of military maneuvers and manoeuvres. When any of the tots show tiredness they are excused and told to go home to ma. Should any of the children display any signs of weakness or illness, they are taken in hand by specialists, who work with them until the little ones are as fit as fighting cocks.

The basis of the whole system is deep breathing, and in the pure open air as much as possible. The mass drills by the little children are wonderful. In perfect time they lunge front, right or left, advance, retreat, and so on, until the man with the bayonet; make all the motions of infantry (which, of course, they are, strictly speaking), and march with a precision that might make the recruits of White Volunteers blush for shame at their own slouch.

It is wonderful to see the chest development of those Japanese children. Their regular deep breathing exercises have the natural result of enlarging the chest to a degree that is astonishing, and this it is which gives them the TIRELESS ENDURANCE on march and climb. For rice-fedurchins they are certainly models of grace. As the older classes are reached the nature of the drill changes, and explained with a minuteness of detail that would make the ordinary Caucasian head swim for weariness. Every part of the rifle is explained thoroughly, the mechanism of each part, it is a case of dissection. The reason why for everything is supplied to the Japanese in large doses. Hence their intelligent appreciation of their duties. The Japanese soldiers cannot be criticized on any point concerning their profession, at all events with any part of it with which they have to do. The babies graduate into the archery class, the archery into the boy class, and the boys into the men class, and by that time the subject of the Mikado has his head stored with knowledge about his profession

REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 5 P. M. OBSERVATIONS TAKEN DAILY AT 5 A. M., NOON AND 5 P. M.

TEMPERATURE	Min.	Max.
Victoria	35	47
New Westminster	23	50
Kamloops	10	36
Hartford	2	32
Port Simpson	25	40
Dawson	0	38
Calgary	0	30
Winnipeg	-24	14
Portland, Ore.	38	48
San Francisco	48	52

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) Sunday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Moderate to fresh southerly and easterly winds, continued fair with stationary or higher temperature.

Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, continued fair with not much change in temperature.

**VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.**

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26.	Max.	Min.
5 a. m. ....	35	Mean, 41
Noon, .....	42	Highest, 47
5 p. m. ....	40	Lowest, 35

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a. m. ....	8 miles north.
5 p. m. ....	12 miles north.

Average state of weather—Clear.

Sunshine—10 hours 38 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Corrected, 30.443.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected, 30.40.

**CAME FOR PLEASURE; REMAIN FOR BUSINESS**

How Messrs Finch & Finch, a New, Firm Came to Locate Here.

No circumstance is more pleasing to a business community and at the same time so indicative of the growth of the place as the advent of business men from outside points with the object of identifying themselves with the commercial life of the city. A case in point and one which is deserving of some little special mention has just occurred in Victoria, the final details having been arranged yesterday afternoon for the transference of the long established business of George R. Jackson and Co., dealers in high-class gent's furnishings on Government street, to Messrs L. & P. Finch, who will continue the business under the style and title of Finch & Finch.

It is some fifteen years ago that Mr. George R. Jackson first assumed control of the business which was yesterday acquired by Finch & Finch. It was then known as the firm of Leach & Morrison, the latter carrying nothing but a line of tailoring goods and confining their operations to merchant tailoring solely. Mr. Jackson joined them in the capacity of cutter and salesman. Shortly after that date the business passed into Mr. Jackson's hands, and subsequently the latter abandoned the tailoring and put in a stock of gent's furnishings. Mr. Jackson was not long in establishing himself in a position in the front rank of the gent's furnishing houses of the city and speedily had the business on a solid and constantly growing basis. Some four years ago Mr. Jackson severed his active connection with the business, going to California, where he is at the present time taking a course in medicine. The management of the store was left in most capable hands. Mr. J. Shensgreen, one of the best gent's furnishing men in Canada being appointed to the position, and the business continued to thrive under his direction.

Some months ago the Messrs. Finch visited Victoria purely for pleasure and they became so enamored of the place, so pleased at the climatic and other advantages of the city, that they decided to locate here. Being possessed of a thorough knowledge of the gent's furnishing business, gained in a long experience in Western Canada and the United States, they set on foot negotiations for the acquisition of the business which was consummated yesterday. All the negotiations looking to the sale were conducted by Mr. Shensgreen, who speedily convinced them that Victoria was a good point in which to engage in business.

The Messrs. Finch are Canadian boys, possessed of good modern ideas respecting the conduct of a business, and their embarkation in an enterprise in this city will be a decided acquisition to the commercial life of Victoria.

Messrs. Finch & Finch intend to make extensive alterations in the interior of the store, largely increase the stock and handle none but the finest lines of gent's furnishings goods obtainable.

There are so many languages spoken in the provinces of Austria-Hungary that interpreters are employed in the various parliaments to interpret the speeches of the delegates and make them intelligible to all the members.

**WE BEG TO ANNOUNCE**

to the public that we have bought out the business of Mr. Geo. R. Jackson, at 57 Government Street. Our predecessor has always had the reputation of carrying only the most reliable lines in Men's Hats, Haberdashery, Ladies' Gloves, etc., and we intend to strictly maintain the high standard of the store by carrying only the best lines and selling them at close prices.

We solicit a continuance of favors from the numerous old patrons—we want as many new ones as possible and we believe our good goods and polite service will win them both.

We have just finished stock-taking and laid out a few lines at special prices in order to clean up the stock and make more room for new spring shipments on the way.

**WE INTEND RUNNING A WEEK'S SALE ON THE FOLLOWING LINES:**

About 100 doz. English Collars, regular 25c each ..... 75c a doz

50 doz. 25c Linen Handkerchiefs ..... 1.75 a doz

About 200 pairs Ladies' 1.50 Gloves in black and tans, broken sizes ..... .90c a pair

A large assortment of fine English Umbrellas, ranging from \$2.50 to \$9.00 ... at one-third off

6 doz. fancy knitted Tams, regular 75c, for .... 40c

A few ranges of fashionable Hats in broken sizes at ..... 1.50, 1.75 and 2.00

Regular prices \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00.

**Finch & Finch, Successors to GEORGE R. JACKSON & CO., 57 GOV'T ST.**

**WANTED**

A Good Farm of About 100 Acres, in Saanich District, Give Full Particulars and Price.

**A. W. JONES, 28 Fort St**

that enables him to render prompt and intelligent obedience to every order. The nobleness and dignity of reticence are taught early to Japanese children, and the chatter they are taught to despise. This accounts for the extraordinary silence of the whole nation as to the war.

**TIMES BUYS BOAT.**

When the Tacoma was at Hongkong the special correspondent of the London Times, the same gentleman who rendered such distinguished service to his paper and to the world in the recent Chinese war, had just completed the purchase of a fine big steamer, the Hai Mun, about 2,000 tons register, to be used by the Times correspondent as a despatch boat in following the movements of the belligerent navies, and in making quick connections between points unconnected by telegraph. The Hai Mun is finely fitted up, and the purchase is significant as indicating the earnestness with which the Thunderer tackles a subject like a great international war. The Hai Mun belonged to Messrs. Douglas, Ltd., the well-known Oriental shipping owners. She started north on her new duties while the Tacoma was in Hongkong harbor.

Available shipping is getting scarce in the Oriental seas, for the Japanese are buying up everything that can float for transports. The well-known Japanese liner Tosa Maru, which has often been at the Victoria ocean docks, was one of the steamers out of Moji harbor loaded with troops bound for the Korean side. The Kaga Maru was also impressed into the national service, and it was considered probable that the Tosa Maru, which had just arrived from Victoria, would also be taken for this service.

The big British steamer Glenlyne was another purchase at short notice, and the captain of the steamer, Captain Darke, was a passenger home to England via the Tacoma, while his officers and crew went home via the French mail route.

The Japanese were maintaining their RIGID SCRUTINY of all vessels coming into Japanese waters, and it is now the regular thing to have a Japanese cruiser, which the Japanese ports on account of the submarine mines.

The Tacoma's officers had much to tell of the splendid reception given to the officers and crews of the two purchased ships, and the Chinese came out from Genoa to Yokohama. Everywhere the streets were hung with lanterns, flags, ribbons and other decorations.

A passenger on the Tacoma was John Thornton, a time-expired United States bluejacket, who has been serving on the Kentucky, flagship of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans. Mr. Thornton says that the American sailors, who are in the Japanese ports, are very strong, and the men were all wondering whether they should have the pleasure of confronting a European combination and having for comrades the British and Japanese.

The sympathy of the American fleet is strongly for the Japanese, whose deeds since the war opened have filled Uncle Sam's gallant tars with enthusiastic admiration. Thornton said that he knew there was not a single white man employed in any capacity aboard the Japanese warships. Speaking about the Japanese gunnery, he said it was not so very wonderful after all, and would be found to contain about as many misses as were scored in the United States or British navies. Of course, he said, they were getting things of practice, and it stands to reason that before the end of this war they will be wasting very few shots. They have guns on their ships equal to anything in the world, and many a time when he saw them at drill, they are

**SMART SEAMEN.**

and take to sea duty with readiness. Their officers seem to be keen, intelligent chaps who take themselves and their profession seriously.

This is the last trip of the steamer Tacoma under her present flag. She now passes, as is understood, into the possession of the Rosine Shipping Co., to be operated with her sisters, the Victoria and Olympia, between Puget Sound and Seattle. The Tacoma was formerly the Butana, and had to be an old Union liner. She and her sister ships are splendidly built boats, and about as staunch and seaworthy as anything traveling the ocean today.

**NO OPIUM IN CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY.**

There is not the least danger in giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to children as it contains no opium or other harmful drug. It has an established reputation of more than thirty years as the most successful medicine in use for colds, croup and whooping cough. It always cures and is pleasant to take. Children like it. For sale by all druggists.

Easter Cards. Victoria Book & Stationery Co., Ltd.

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**Very Rich Axminster Carpets**

In Exquisite Colorings.

Blue, Rose, Olive, Crimson, Etc. and other pretty shades at \$1.65 and \$1.90 per yard.

Wide and laid on your floors, Borders and Stair Carpeting to match.

**Handsome Designs and Choice Colorings**

Make an unusually fine range of the ever popular BRUSSELS CARPETING.

Present prices, \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.40, \$1.50, \$1.90 per yard.

Made and laid on your floor.

**Reversible Rugs**

Popularly known as Smyrna, "Heath Rug Sizes," at \$3.50, \$5.50 and \$7.00 each.

9x12 Parquet Carpets, ..... \$3.50 (In the best quality.)

Other sizes in proportion.

**A Special Buy of Tapestry Carpet**

Five patterns, at ..... 65c. per yd. Made and Laid.

**Specialties for the Floor, Fine French Wilton Rugs, Scotch Axminster Rugs, a Line of Skin Rugs**

At Reduced Prices.

Handsome Parquet Carpets in Floral and Conventional Designs (made especially for our own trade.)

**New Linoleums**

English and Canadian Art Squares in all sizes and prices.

Door Mats, Piano Mats, Carpet Sweepers, Hall Mats, Oriental Rugs, Bath Mats, etc., etc.

**Hearth Rugs**

Of every description from ..... \$1.35 to \$10.00 each

**Weiler Bros., Complete House Furnishers**

**White Rock**

Pure, Sparkling, Healthful

SOLD EVERYWHERE

**PITHER & LEISER, IMPORTERS**

**Electric Light**

Is the only light which gives satisfaction. Keep up with the crowd and insist on having it.

**B. C. Electric Ry. Co., YATES STREET**

**Style Showing.**

"Fit-Reform" styles for spring are on display. Styles of exclusiveness. Styles of distinction.

The new things—the right things—that "Fit-Reform" creates for well-dressed men to wear.

There are some surprises, too, that you men who like novelties will be mightily pleased with.

The new "Fit-Reform" Sack Suits—the Norfolks—the "Harvard"—are simply perfection, with their air of perfect taste and quiet elegance.

**ALLEN & CO., Victoria, B. C.**

SOLE CONTROLLERS. 73 Government St.

Mail orders receive prompt attention.

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